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SUBJECT: VESCO PUBLICLY DENIES INVOLVEMENT IN DUKE HALL MURDER

1. SUMMARY: VESCO CHARGES THAT USG "FEDERAL AGENTS" KILLED DUKE HALL IN CALIFORNIA, AND DENIES INVOLVEMENT. THROUGH THIS AND WILKINS CASE, HE CHARGES USG IS PERSECUTING HIM. END SUMMARY

2. SAN JOSE MEDIA SEPTEMBER 22 CARRY LETTER SENT BY ROBERT VESCO TO MINISTER OF PUBLIC SECURITY IN WHICH VESCO DENIES INVOLVEMENT IN JULY 22 MURDER OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR DUEK HALL IN CALIFORNIA. LETTER ALSO MENTIONS WILKINS CASE, GRAZE'S RECENT (THWARTED) ATTEMPT TO BRING LEGAL ACTION IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK ON BASIS THAT CASE, AND THOMAS RICHARDSON CASE. LETTER ALLEGES THAT THREE "FEDERAL AGENTS" HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN CALIFORNIA FOR HALL MURDER AND STATES THAT THESE THREE WERE SAME ONES WHO LIED AND COMMITTED PERJURY IN RICHARDSON CASE. VESCO STATES THAT USG AUTHORITIES HAD PRESSURED RICHARDSON "TO OBTAIN POSSIBLE FALSE DECLARATIONS AGAINST ME, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING A NEW EXTRADITION ATTEMPT FROM COSTA RICA." THE HALL MURDER, VESCO CHARGES, "WAS AN EFFORT TO COVER UP THESE AND OTHER ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES BY CERTAIN US AUTHORITIES".

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3. ON BASIS OF SUCH "PERSECUTION" AT HANDS OF US AUTHORITIES, VESCO RECALLS TO MINISTER THAT HIS CONCERN FOR HIS FAMILY'S SAFETY "AGAINST CRIMINAL ATROCITIES BEING EMPLOYED BY CERTAIN FUNCTIONAIRES AND AGENCIES OF USG" IS WELL FOUNDED. LETTER ENDS ASKING MINISTER OF PUBLIC SECURITY FOR HIS ORIENTATION AND ASSISTANCE IN "THIS SERIOUS AND DELICATE PROBLEM" OF PERSONAL SECURITY FOR VESCO AND FAMILY IN COSTA RICA.

4. FULL TEXT OF VESCO'S LETTER BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTEL.

5. COMMENT: IF ASKED, EMBASSY PLANS TO DENY VESCO CHARGES OF USG "PERSECUTION" AS RUBBISH. ON WILKINS, EMBASSY WILL REFER TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC STATEMENTS. ANY OTHER GUIDANCE OR BACKGROUND DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE IN VESCO'S MOST RECENT PREPOSTEROUS CHARGES IS REQUESTED. TODMAN

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